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**JULY 16, 2015**  
**PUBLIC SESSION MINUTES**  
**SUSSEX CONFERENCE ROOM, 6<sup>TH</sup> FLOOR**  
**124 HALSEY STREET**  
**NEWARK, NJ 07105**  
**9:00a.m.**

### **I OPENING STATEMENT AND ROLL CALL**

A sub-Committee meeting of the New Jersey Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee was held at 124 Halsey Street, Newark on the 6<sup>th</sup> floor on Thursday, July 16, 2015. Hilda Pressman, Chair of the Committee announced that pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, notice of this meeting was prepared in the office of the Board and mailed out to the Secretary of State, the Attorney General, the Star Ledger, the Record, the Press of Atlantic City, the Asbury Park Press, and the Trenton Times. The meeting was called to order at 9:30 A.M. A roll call was taken and the following attendance was recorded and a quorum was present:

#### **PRESENT**

**Nancy G. Schneider, M.A., CCC-A, FAAA**  
**Hilda Pressman, M.A., CCC-SLP, BCS-S**  
**Anne Eckert, Au.D., MBA, CCC-A, FAAA**  
**Gerard Caracciolo, Ed. D., CCC-SLP**

#### **ABSENT**

**Chetan Shah, MD**  
**Sharon Shinkle Gardner**  
**Louis Conte, D.O.**

#### **ALSO PRESENT**

**Carmen Rodriguez, DAG**  
**Renee P. Clark, Executive Director**

## **II ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

### **PRESIDENT**

Executive Director called for nominations for Chair and a motion was made by Dr. Eckert seconded by Ms. Schneider to nominate Ms. Pressman for President of the Board for 2015. Executive Director called for further nominations since there were none. Dr. Caracciolo made a motion, seconded by Dr. Eckert to close the nominations and elect Ms. Pressman, President of the Board by acclamation. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

### **SECRETARY**

Executive Director called for nominations for Secretary and a motion was made by Dr. Eckert and seconded by Ms. Schneider to nominate Dr. Caracciolo for Secretary of the Board for 2015. Executive Director called for further nominations and since there were none. Dr. Eckert then made a motion, seconded by Ms. Schneider to close the nominations and elect Ms. Schneider Secretary of the Board by acclamation. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

## **III APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. After review a motion was made by Dr. Caracciolo, seconded by Dr. Eckert to approve the March 19, 2015 Public Session minutes with amendments. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

After review a motion was made by Ms. Schneider, seconded by Dr. Caracciolo to approve the May 14, 2015 Public Session minutes with amendments. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

## **IV 2016 MEETING DATES**

A motion was made by Dr. Caracciolo, seconded by Dr. Eckert to approve January 21, March 17, May 5, July 21, September 15 and November 17 as the 2016 Committee meeting dates. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

## **V NEW BUSINESS**

- a. Adopted Amendment to N.J.A.C. 13:44C-6.2 which exempts a licensee applying for their first biennial renewal from the continuing education requirements.

Chair directed to change the new license application letter to reflect adopted amendment, add to Committee website under regulations and add to FAQ's .

## **V NEW BUSINESS (cont.)**

- b. Kristine Fischer submitted an inquiry in regards to being eligible to obtain a New Jersey license if she receives certification through ASHA while in Jacksonville University.

After review a motion was made by Ms. Schneider, seconded by Dr. Eckert to send Ms. Fischer a letter stating that pursuant to N.J.S.A 13:44C-3.2 a Speech-Language program must be ASHA accredited. In addition, the Committee cannot make any other admissions if the program is not accredited. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

- c. Lori Carlton, Quality Management Director, St. Luke's Warren Hospital is confirming that since the Committee's answer to Mike Turso which directed the Speech-Language Pathologist to follow hospital policy, Ms. Carlton is confirming that it is within the scope of the Speech-Language Pathologists to accept verbal/telephone orders from a physician, nurse practitioner, or physician assistant as long as the order relates to treatment or care provided by the Speech-Language Pathologist.

After review a motion was made by Dr. Eckert, seconded by Dr. Caracciolo to advise Ms. Carlton that she should work within her institution to further develop policies on this matter. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

## **VI WEBSITE REVIEW**

A motion was made by Dr. Eckert, seconded by Dr. Caracciolo to have Ms. Schneider email new list and other corrections needed.

## **VII HANDOUT(S)**

No handouts were provided

## **VIII ADJOURNMENT**

A motion was made by Dr. Eckert seconded by Dr. Caracciolo to proceed to Executive Session, to hold an investigative inquiry, to consider and review advertisements, consumer complaints and other information received pursuant to the Committee's investigative authority in order to determine whether violations of law, including Committee's regulations have occurred. The results of these deliberations will be made known when and if the Committee determines to initiate disciplinary or other enforcement actions. If the Committee chooses to issue a Uniform Penalty Letter, the action will be taken in Public Session immediately after the Executive Session.

A motion was made by Ms. Schneider, seconded by Dr. Eckert to adjourn the meeting at 2:00p.m. The motion carried by unanimous vote.

Respectfully submitted

Audiology and Speech-Language Pathology Advisory Committee

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Renee P. Clark  
Executive Director